City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, April 22nd, 1878

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chamber at the usual hour, His Worship Mayor Lewis in the chair, and the following members present: Aldermen Pritchard, Powell, Skinner, Regan, Keenleyside, Glass, Browne, Rapley, Stringer, Vining, J. R. Peel, Egan, Murray, Edleston, T. Peel, Campbell, Smyth, Christie, Williams, Thompson, McNab.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed by the Mayor.

Communications were read—

From W. Bryce, relative to supplying the city with stationery. Referred to Printing Committee.

From Joseph Grand, asking for a special auctioneer's license. Granted on payment of $10.

From A. C. Stewart, on behalf of the London Teachers Association, for use of City Hall on Friday evening, May 10th, for a free lecture by Judge Elliot. Granted, on payment of current expenses.

From Wm. Burniss, and 14 others, for a box drain on the south side of Horton street, between Waterloo and Wellington. Referred to Board of Works.

From John Wolfe and 14 others, for the watering of King street, between Wellington and Waterloo. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

Ald. Campbell verbally reported that the annual statement of receipts and expenditure was duly audited and ready for printing.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Vining, that 500 copies be printed, and distributed among the members of the different wards. Carried.

Ald. Christie verbally reported from the Board of Works relative to a house for the caretaker of the Exhibition Grounds. The City Engineer had submitted an estimate, showing that one of the old buildings could be fitted up for $200.

Moved by Ald. Christie, seconded by Ald. Edleston, that $200 be granted for repairing the buildings. Lost.

Ald. McNab, chairman, submitted the following report from the Park Committee:

"Your Committee beg leave to recommend that James Grant be engaged as practical gardener for the park at a salary of $400 per year; and that the present caretaker be retained at a salary of $5 per week."

On motion the report was received.

Moved by Ald. Glass, seconded by Ald. Browne, that the report be referred back, with instructions to bring in a more definite report, and also to furnish this Council with a statement as to what the plan cost. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Vining, seconded by Ald Browne, that the committee to strike standing committees be a committee to strike a Jail Committee.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Powell, that the matter be left in the hands of the Mayor, with a view of consulting the City Solicitor.

The question was finally allowed to stand over.

Ald. Browne moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that John R. Minhinnick, Esq., be appointed Water Commissioner in place of E. W. Hyman, Esq., deceased.

Mr. J. W. Jones was proposed by Ald. Stringer, seconded by Ald. Smyth.

Moved by Ald. Smyth, seconded by Ald. T. Peel, that the appointment of Water Commissioner be put off for one week. Lost.

Mr. Minhinnick was elected on the following vote:

Yeas—Pritchard, Campbell, Powell, Skinner, Regan, Murray, Glass, Rapley, Browne, Vining, Christie, Williams, Edleston, J. R. Peel, Egan, McNab, Thompson—17.